STATEMENT RE: SPECIAL POLICE RECRUITMENT IN 1114

KHAN BAHADUR G. SAIYED ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: During the early part of the year, political situation in the country was tense and it became necessary to have, besides the regular Police, a sufficient number of able hands to cope with the disturbances. Hence it was decided to have a temporary Armed Reserve to put down the violent and subversive activities of the law-breakers. At first, it was thought that sufficient number of required men could be got through the advice of the Public Service Commissioner. Out of 100 men recommended by him, 54 men were selected by my predecessor, and it was discovered that they could not be used without intensive training. Moreover, the candidates advised were not of the type required for an unprecedented emergency. It also turned out that it would not be possible to get immediately the required number by routine recruitment. Hence Government were addressed and sanction obtained for enlisting persons with special experience to be tested by the Head of the Department without reference to the Public Service Commissioner. Accordingly 136 Ex-Military men of the State Forces—mostly Nairs selected by the Commandant, State Forces—and 85 Ex-Military men of Madras and Bangalore consisting of different castes and communities selected by me and Mr. Gray, A. S. P., A. R. were enlisted. The remaining 225 men were enlisted from various groups and by promotions from the Special Constabulary. The number of candidates arranged according to communities is shown separately.

The main considerations that weighed in making the above recruitment were the physical fitness, experience, character, antecedents and in addition and particularly the *political leanings* of the candidates. It is thus evident that the recruitment to the temporary Armed Reserve has to be made in all alacrity with a view to meet the special situation with the suitable materials readily available at the moment. If in the above selection some communities have not received sufficient representation it is obviously due to any of the following reasons :—

(i) Paucity of candidates from certain communities ;

(ii) Failure to satisfy the tests ;

(iii) Unwillingness or nervousness on the part of some groups to come forward and serve in the police force at a time of need and crisis when physical violence and reprisals may have been apprehended ; and

(iv) The fact that time was of the essence of the process of selection.

Local applicants for T. Reserve excluding the men recommended by the Commandant, State Forces and Ex-Army men—Madras and Bangalore.

Brahmins	...	4
Nayars	...	128
Kammalas	...	7
Nadars	...	2
Ezhavas	...	21
Other Hindus	...	45

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Christians.

Marthomite	...	4
S. I. U. C.	...	23
Latin Catholic	...	42
Syrian Catholic	...	26
Jacobite	...	3
Other Christians	...	35
Muslims	...	104

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: സമുദായപ്രാതിനിധ്യം അനുസരിച്ച് നിയമനം നടത്താത്തതിന് സമാധാനം പറയുന്ന ക്ലൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ സേവിക്കുന്നതിന് ചില സമുദായത്തിൽപ്പെട്ടവർക്ക് സമ്മതമില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതായി കേട്ടു. അത് ഏതെല്ലാം സമുദായമാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. SAIYED ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir my friend has not given me very attentive ear. These are my words : ".....unwillingness or nervousness on the part of some *groups*" I did not say 'communities.'

PRESIDENT: Any other statement may be made later on.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

Demand.	Amounts in Rupees.	Particulars.
VIII—Administration of Justice	3,000	Under batta to prisoners.
XXXVII—Loans—Other Loans and Advances	25,446-13-0	For the grant of a loan to the Trivandrum Bank Ltd., Trivandrum.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE BANKERS, BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Bankers' Books Evidence Bill. I may be permitted to speak a few words explaining the objects of the Bill and the principles underlying it.

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